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Applicants: Stanaway, Jr. et al.)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Abstract on page 7 of this paper.

Newton's Telecom Dictionary begin on page 14 of this paper.